are pending before various Income-Tax Appellate Tribunals throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken to expedite the process?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) As on 1st March, 2003, 1,82,793 cases were pending before the 53 benches of Income-tax Appellate Tribunal in the country.

(c) Following measures have been adopted to reduce pendency of cases in ITAT:

(i) Government sanctioned 15 additional benches for ITAT m 1997 and all these benches have been made functional.

(ii) Cases involving similar issues are clubbed; small cases and covered cases, i.e. cases covered by decisions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Courts and ITAT are identified and these cases are posted out of turn and disposed regularly.

(iii) The limit for appeals to be heard by Single Member has been raised from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakhs.

(iv) Direct filing of appeals in High Courts under amended provisions of Section 260 (A) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

(v) A special drive to dispose of Single Member Cases has been ordered by the President of ITAT, for all benches throughout the country where pendency is more with effect from 17.03.2003 for period of three weeks.

Import of Metro Rail technology from South Korea

*357. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are importing Metro Rail technology from South Korea;

(b) whether it is also a fact that our experts in the said technology have migrated to foreign countries; and

(c) if so, what incentives Government propose to offer to the Indian technologists abroad to return to India?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. 60 Metro Rail coaches are imported from Korea and Japan and the remaining 180 coaches will be assembled/manufactured by Bharat Earth Movers Limited, Bangalore with progressive indigenous content.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

CGHS card holders in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai

*358. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of approved medical institutions from where CGHS card holders can receive treatment and be entitled for reimbursement from the CGHS authorities in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai;

(b) the number of such card holders in these cities, city-wise;

(c) whether applications for according 'approved' status to a number of medical institutions in Kolkata is pending with the Central CGHS Authority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The number of CGHS card holders in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai and the number of private hospitals/diagnostic centres recognised under CGHS for treatment of beneficiaries in these cities are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of city	No. of card / holders	No. of recognised private hospitals/ diagnostic centres
1.	Delhi	4,44,739	95
2.	Mumbai	1,02,926	21